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# The Cornovii Trust

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers, Colleagues and Students

We are delighted to welcome Stapeley Broad Lane Church of England Primary School, Nantwich into our local trust. They joined The Cornovii Trust on 1st January and this was very quickly followed by a full Ofsted inspection on the 7th and 8th of January! I am delighted that the inspection team saw Stapeley as we see it every day - a fantastic school, full of dedicated, highly professional and talented staff and delightful children. Congratulations to Mrs Holden, all the staff, young people and governors at Stapeley, the Ofsted report is a pleasure to read.



- Welcome to Stapeley Broad Lane Church of England Primary School
- New school leaders
- Working effectively together
- Exam season

There have also been some exciting updates, at two other schools in our local trust. Brine Leas recently appointed Mr Paul Whitehead as their permanent Headteacher. He has done a fantastic job in leading the school after what has been a very difficult period for all concerned. Mr Whitehead knows Brine Leas inside out and has a clear vision for where he wants to take the school. Pear Tree Primary have also appointed a new Headteacher, who will be starting in September. Mrs Nicola Casey is currently Vice Principal at Offley Primary School in Sandbach. She is an outstanding school leader, hugely talented and has a clear vision for Pear Tree. I am sure you will join me in congratulating both Mrs Casey and Mr Whitehead in securing these privileged positions and wish them both all the very best in their respective roles.





As our local trust continues to grow, there are exciting times ahead for all our schools and we will continue to work together, support each other, provide more opportunities for our children and staff and help raise standards even higher. Please remember, you can always find more details on our website [www.thecornovii.org](http://www.thecornovii.org) and you can follow us on social media, which will keep you updated on our work, various activities and job vacancies across all sites.

We are of course still running The Cornovii Cup competition between the two secondary schools, Alsager and Brine Leas and it is being keenly fought. There are many more challenges planned for next term and still plenty of points up for grabs.

In addition to The Cornovii Cup, we have the annual trust primary Public Speaking Competition taking place at the end of this term, involving all 5 of our primaries. They will be competing for this prestigious trophy under the topic of 'My Big Ambition'.



Competition	Alsager	Brine Leas
Netball	44	28
6th form Netball	10	2
Football	37	21
6th form football	10	2
Handball	4	20
Dodgeball	27	19
Badminton	22	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>114</b>

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There has been a lot of national press coverage recently focusing on 2 educational topics. Firstly, the behaviour of some parents towards school staff and school leaders. With huge numbers of colleagues across the country, especially Headteachers, describing the level and regular abuse and threatening behaviour they are experiencing from a minority but increasing number of parents. Please remember that people who work in schools do so because they care about young people and are just trying to do their job as best they can. Please also remember, that young people copy the behaviour and language of their parents. The key job of any parent is role modelling and setting a good example to the younger generation; be that in how we treat others, our work ethic, the language we use, respect for authority etc.





The other hot topic at the moment, is the influence of social media on our young people and society in general, as demonstrated in the current Netflix series 'Adolescence'. This is a huge challenge for us all, parents, school staff and our young people. As a father of two myself, this topic really worries me but as parents, the worst thing we can do is ignore it and pretend it doesn't involve us. Please talk to your child about what they are accessing online. Being a parent is an enormous privilege and the most important 'job' there is. It is the most rewarding role, however, it can also be the most demanding 'job' at times. From a school's point of view, we will do all we can to help and support you and your child. As I have said on many occasions, we can work far more effectively for the benefit of our young people, if home and school work together and deliver a consistent message



Next term, we see exam season once again. It certainly comes around very quickly and I would like to wish all our young people taking external tests and exams; SATs, GCSEs, BTECs and A levels all the very best. Please remember your teachers and school are there to support as best they can but you have to put in the hard work too and the Easter break is the perfect time for this.

Once again, my thanks for your continued support and please let's work together to build more positivity, hope and good news back in our society. I wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing Easter break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Middlebrook', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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